



**TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
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21 S. MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 6:30 P.M.**

This meeting was held in-person & via Zoom.

PTOD LMB ROOM CLERK
2022 FEB 15 PM 1:55

Present: Members John Wise and Peter DeMers

Also Present: Town Manager Steve Sette

Present Via Zoom: Chairman Brian Butler, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Shaw, Admin. Assistant Alexandra Clauss

Not Present: Clerk Stephen Mandile

1) ROLL CALL TO ORDER – Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
DeMers-HERE, Wise-HERE, Butler-PRESENT, Shaw-PRESENT

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Volunteers needed: Cable Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, Cultural Council, Dog Park Committee, Historic Cemetery Commission, Open Space Committee, Recreation Committee, Planning Board
- a) Uxcellent News: Wise regarding: volunteers needed for Capital Planning; A Moment of Silence for passing of Aime J. Rabor Hughes, Sunday, December 19, 2021; Shaw & Butler regarding: thanks to DPW during recent storm!

3) CITIZENS' FORUM – Pat Stephen regarding: tax bills, Taft Hill, speaking with Assessor on such; need 2021 data information on condos in order to review the 2022 numbers; abatements and process transparency

4) BUSINESS

- a) **Public Hearing Continuation** – Pole Hearings

National Grid Community Manager, Robert Moran and Campanelli Corp. representative, Rob DeMarco provided the Board of Selectmen with background on petitions. Rob Rose, 110 Williams Street, regarding preservation of view on Williams Street. Eli, Uxbridge Planning Board, present via Zoom regarding further clarification and background information. Extensive discussion ensued on Williams Street construction being underground instead of above, as proposed. Member Wise regarding cost, line alternates, and phases needed for completion.

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: DeMers

VOTE: to continue the Public Hearing from December 6th, 2021 for Pole Hearings for new poles at 38-48 Williams Street by Mass Electric and for a joint petition from Mass Electric and Verizon to install a mid-span pole 42-50 on Sutton Street and to relocate poles 32, 39, 41 and 42. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.

DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES, Shaw-YES

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Butler

VOTE: to close the Public Hearing. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.

DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Shaw-YES, Butler-YES

- i. Petition from Mass. Electric Co. to install new poles at 38-48 on Williams Street

MOTION: Butler

SECOND: DeMers

VOTE: to approve the pole petition for new poles at 38-48 Williams Street by Mass Electric as stated. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0. *DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES, Shaw-YES*

- ii. Joint petition from Mass. Electric Co. & Verizon to install a mid-span pole 42-50 on Sutton Street and to relocate poles 32, 39, 41, 42 on Sutton Street

MOTION: DeMers

SECOND: Butler

VOTE: to approve the joint petition from Mass. Electric & Verizon to install a mid-span pole 42-50 and to relocate poles 32, 39, 41, and 42 on Sutton Street. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.

DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES, Shaw-YES

- b) Application for Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids: Amend License Request for 515 Douglas Street

The construction company for 515 Douglas Street is seeking to amend their license to store Flammable and Combustible Gases and Liquids at the 515 Douglas Street location. Deputy Fire Chief Tancrell present via Zoom to review and support this request.

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Butler

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the amended license request for Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids for Lit Camp Uxbridge Owners LLC care of Campanelli Companies: 515 Douglas Street.
DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES, Shaw-YES

- c) Marijuana Host Community Agreement Updates (Blake Mensing, Esq.)

Attorney Blake Mensing represents a number of cannabis businesses in Town and discussed proposed location and ownership changes for some of his clients and reviewed background information on proposed new HCA's in Town. Brief discussion ensued on the proposed new HCA for survey-based research at Cannabis Center of Excellence; Dr. Mary McNab provided further clarification on this survey-based research and her position and education in the field.

- i. Proposed changes on prior HCA's - Conception, Coyote Cannabis, Top Shelf Cannaseurs LLC
- ii. New HCA's - Cannabis Center of Excellence, Cannabonics, Coastal Roots

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Butler

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen approve the proposed changes to current HCA's as presented and to authorize the Town Manager to enter into negotiations with Attorney Mensing on new HCA's.
DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES, Shaw-YES

- d) Local Initiative Program (LIP) - Exercise Right of First Refusal: 35 Summerfield, Unit 18

The conservator for the owner of this unit is looking to sell the unit; as this is an affordable unit, the Board of Selectmen needs to approve the request.

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Butler

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen not exercise their right of first refusal for the sale of 35 Summerfield Unit 18 for \$176,852. The unit shall remain an affordable unit. *DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES, Shaw-YES*

- e) Donations:

The Uxbridge Fire Department and Police Department have received generous donations to their departments.

- i. Fire Department - \$1,000 donation from Wild Fifty Sevens, Inc.
- ii. Fire Department - \$400 gift card from Kiessling Family to the King Jade Restaurant.
- iii. Police Department - \$400 gift card from Kiessling Family to the King Jade Restaurant.

MOTION: Wise

SECOND: Butler

VOTE: that the Board of Selectmen accept the \$1000.00 donation from Wild Fifty sevens, Inc and a \$400.00 gift card donation from the Kiessling Family on behalf of the Uxbridge Fire Department and accept a \$400.00 gift card from the Kiessling Family on behalf of the Uxbridge Police Department with thanks.
DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES, Shaw-YES

- f) Licensing Update

- i. 2022 Licensing Renewals Update

Town Manager, Sette provided an update on the status of the 2022 renewals, including options on how to move forward with any businesses not licensed by December 31st. The Board will review any updates at their next scheduled meeting.

- g) Winter Services Discussion

- i. Winter Service Rates
- ii. BOS Policy Review - 2nd reading: Winter Maintenance on Unaccepted Subdivision Streets & Private Ways
- iii. BOS Policy Review - 2nd reading: Winter Sand Use Policy

Benn Sherman via Zoom, presented proposed rate schedule for those requesting Winter Services, as provided by the Town. The Board looked at their various policies to see if they need to be updated and changed or are no longer needed; tonight, they reviewed the aforementioned policies to schedule a future reading at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

MOTION: DeMers **SECOND:** Butler

VOTE: to accept the DPW recommendations cost estimates for emergency services for winter maintenance dated December 9, 2021. DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES, Shaw-YES

h) BOS 2022 Objectives Discussion

The Board of Selectmen recently approved the goals of the Town Manager and now want to consider their own set of goals or objectives that they may want for calendar year 2022. Town Manager, Sette provided background and what to consider.

5) TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

- a) Welcome: Jessica Messer, Treasurer/Collector and Matt Bobola, incoming Accountant
- b) Tuesday, January 19th: Budget Sub. Committee meeting with Superintendent
- c) Double Pole Placement Update: Verizon to confirm nine (9) in Uxbridge
- d) NEMA Storm update; Uxbridge down six (6) contractors this year
- e) Housing Assessments: Worcester Telegram: Homes for Sale
- f) Cannabis Research Facility

6) MEMBER ISSUES & COMMENTS

- a) Wise regarding: welcoming Jessica and Matt; recent ice hockey tragedy
- b) DeMers regarding: tax bills and reviewing property cards on GIS System

7) MEETING MINUTES – no minutes to review

8) ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: January 24, 2022


MOTION: Wise **SECOND:** Butler

VOTE: to adjourn this January 10, 2021 meeting at 8:59 PM. All in favor. The motion carried 4-0-0.
DeMers-YES, Wise-YES, Butler-YES, Shaw-YES

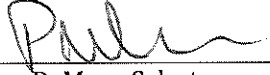
Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Clauss
January 10, 2022 minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen:



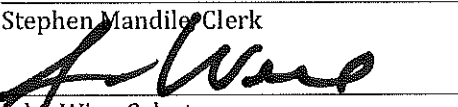
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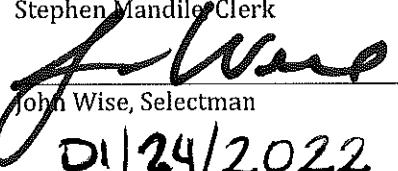
Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair



Peter DeMers, Selectman



Stephen Mandile, Clerk



John Wise, Selectman

01/24/2022

Date

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used

Agenda Notes

NGRID Pole Petition Memorandums:

Williams Street New Poles #38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48

Sutton Street New Pole #42-50, Relocating Poles #42, 41, 39, 32

Amend License Request: 515 Douglas Street

Email Correspondence: Blake Mensing, Marijuana Host Community Agreement Updates

Local Initiative Program (LIP) Packet

Email Correspondence: Tracy Kelly, Fire Department 12/16/2021, 12/20/2021

Marc Montminy, Police Department 1/4/2022

2022 Licensing Renewals Update Packet

Winter Services Discussion Packet

BOS Policy Review Packet